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This is thy Province, this thy wondrous way,
New humours to invent for each new Play:
This is that boaſted byaſs of thy mind,
By which one way to dulneſs 'tis inclin'd.
DRYDEN's Mac Flecknoe.

SIR,

AS ſome obſervations on our Dramatic performances may be uſeful, as well as entertaining, eſpecially to your Readers in the Country, I intend to ſend you ſome remarks on each new Piece, as it ſhall appear, during this ſummer ſeaſon at Drury-lane. I undertake not this office, as inſtituting myſelf ſole Critic, and invading the known liberties of the Pit; but rather as a taſk impoſed on me by a young Templar, whom I have lately had occaſion to mention, to give him an account of the progreſs of theatrical poetry in his abſence. How far he may agree with my ſentiments, I know not; but he is very well aſſured, that I ſhall not be biaſſed by partiality or prejudice. He was the more earneſt to engage me in this correſpondence, as he had been aſſured, that the Manager of the young Company had ſeveral good Pieces, which were every way *theatrical*. — *Theatricality* is ſure ſomething of which the Drury-lane Managers only can form an idea. There have been ſo many expoſitions of its ſenſe, that it ſeems to me almoſt impoſſible accurately to define it. But whatever it be, this I have obſerved, that thoſe Pieces, which were ſaid to be moſt theatrical, were leaſt conſiſtent with the rules of Dramatic writing. I could prove the truth of this aſſertion in an examen of the *Modern Husband:* but as Mr. DRAMATICUS hath given already a critique on it in your 117th *Journal*, I ſhall at preſent only obſerve, that there is ſcarce a ſcene in the whole, but what betrays want of judgment, or, to uſe ſofter terms, manifeſts at leaſt the Author's haſty way of writing. The latter I believe, he himſelf will moſt readily own, as thinking it a ſufficient plea for whatever his moſt fertile Muſe may produce. But I muſt beg leave to diſſent from him: no haſty productions ſhould be impoſed upon the Town; a conſtant flow of which is no better proof of a fruitful brain, than a numerous, ſickly, ſhort-liv'd off-ſpring is of a fruitful womb. In either caſe, ſuch a courſe of barren fruitfulneſs is but one degree beyond frequent abortion. —— Beſides, this Gentleman has the leaſt excuſe for haſty writing of any Author. The vaſt encouragement he met with laſt winter, might ſure have enabled him to take due time to finiſh any Piece he intended to bring on the Stage ſince; unleſs he has agreed with the Managers to furniſh them with ſo many annual Pieces. Beſides his *Lottery* and *Modern Husband* in the winter, he has produced two more, his *Covent Garden Tragedy* and *Old Debauchees* within four months after. But the former of theſe twins being in a dying condition under the juſt cenſure of the Town, he publicly made a ſort of a voluntary ſacrifice of it to their reſentment, in order to preſerve the life of the latter. This was a fairer piece of policy, than that, which perhaps may by cuſtom become truly THEATRICAL; I mean an endeavour to puff a favourite Piece of a favourite Author into reputation; ſo that its character is not to depend on the reception the Town gives it at the Theatre, but on the figure it makes in a *theatrical* paragraph in a *Daily Poſt*. In that Paper, of June 2, and 5. *The Old Debauchees* was ſaid to have met with *univerſal applauſe*; and tho' the 3d night's audience on June 13th was diſmiſſed, as not being ſufficient to pay half the charges, yet in the *Daily Poſt* of the 16th a paragraph was inſerted, affirming that it had *met with great applauſe*. The Author, I dare ſay, had no hand in any of theſe Puffs; he has been two well approved by the Town to endeavour to delude them into an approbation of any Piece of his, by deſcending to as low and mean artifices as Mr. Orator and Hyp-Doctor almoſt daily ſtoops. —— But leſt he may think himſelf any way injured by my general cenſure of *The Old Debauchees*, I will next week ſend you ſome obſervations on it; and continue the ſame courſe on all the new productions at Drury-lane, in letters to my Friend of the Temple: not that I am reſolved to condemn every thing, but to examine impartially, and give promiſcuouſly the praiſe or cenſure they may deſerve. One thing before I conclude, I would adviſe the Manager of the young Players, that, as he ſeems to ſtand in favour with the Town at preſent, he would not foiſt that on them which they may not be willing to receive; but if he finds one thing not go off well (as he has ſuch variety of new Pieces) to bring on another. By this conduct, he can't fail of conſiderable ſucceſs this ſummer vacation, and may prepare the way for ſomething more diverting and inſtructive the enſuing winter.

Tom's Coffee-Houſe, June 17. I am, Mr. BAVIUS, yours, PROSAICUS.

Mr. BAVIUS,

AS *in this age there needs no great apology for commencing Author*, I hope you'll give this a kind reception, tho' it is dated from a place, where I believe you have but few correſpondents. As to my character, let it ſuffice, that I have been a conſtant ſpectator at Drury-lane Playhouſe theſe 10 years, and am well known in this place for keeping up a decorum, and being an impartial Critic. I think, Sir, from ſo long an attendance, I may be as good a judge of Dramatical performances as Mr. HINT the *Candle-ſnuffer*; whoſe letter in the *London Evening Poſt* of laſt night I have now before me, and on which I ſend you theſe obſervations.

In the ſecond paragraph Mr. HINT alledges in vindication of Mr. F. from the charge of indecency, that *Bullies, Bawds, Rakes, Whores, are in themſelves characters not improper to be ſhewn on the ſtage, if they were, you muſt quarrel with half our Plays, and particularly with the Beggars Opera.* I own, thoſe characters have been brought on the Engliſh ſtage: nay I'll go farther, and give a ſanction to it by the example of TERENCE. This is certainly allowable, as to the characters in *themſelves:* but then, Mr. BAVIUS, is a Poet to have nothing in his Play but ſuch characters? Is he in drawing ſuch a character to pick out the moſt profligate wretches in it? Is he to correct lewdneſs by almoſt ſhewing the commiſſion of it? Did TERENCE to ridicule the tricks of a *Whore*, exhibit to a Roman audience a brothel? No, he could repreſent the vices in low characters of life in a language not unbecoming the Roman dignity, nor offending againſt the rules of decency. I don't doubt but he might have found in Rome among the dregs of the people, characters as vicious as thoſe of our modern Author; but his *Thais*'s and *Lenones* betray their ſeveral artifices in a pleaſing inoffenſive humour. I know not whether in reality they were more decent than the HACKABOUTA's and BILKUM's of the preſent age; but this I affirm, that the Roman Pagan was far more modeſt than our Engliſh Chriſtian.

Neither *envy*, nor *malice*, nor *provocation* has *inhumanly animated* me againſt the Author, or Theatre; I am diſintereſted and impartial, I have no enmity to the man, but to his Tragedy: no *exclamation* from a *Bawd* to a *Porter* has given me any diſturbance: nor indeed can I ſee that thoſe againſt whom the little ſatyrical line was levelled, have any occaſion to complain; for however keen the rage of the Author might be, his wit was too dull to wound. Mr. HINT in the next paragraph declares, he thinks *it is incumbent on every man who affirms a Play to be bad, indecent, and infamous to give ſome quotations from it, or mention ſome particular ſcene or incident which are ſo.* It cannot be ſuppoſed, that quotations could be given from the action only; and it was unneceſſary to mention any *particular ſcene*, when there was not one ſcene through the whole but would make the accuſation good; which will be obvious to every one, if the Author proceeds to print his incomparable Piece, faithfully as it was acted.

The reſt of this letter is a retort on DRAMATICUS's Play and your *Journal*. As to the firſt, I know nothing of it, nor will I pretend to vindicate any thing on hearſay only. As to the latter, you are the beſt judge, what anſwer to give to it. I am now impatiently waiting to ſee another production of the Author of the *Covent Garden Tragedy*, tranſlated from MOLIERE; and to ſhew my envy to the Poet, I only wiſh he has kept up to the ſpirit of the original.

Theatre Royal in Drury lane: Firſt row in the upper Gallery. Friday, June 23. I am, Mr. BAVIUS, Yours, A. B.

To Mr. WM. HINT, Candle-ſnuffer.

Saturday, June the 24th, 1732.

SIR,

I Have received your favour ſent in the *Daily Poſt* of the 21ſt, and repeated in the *London Evening Poſt* of the 22d inſt. for which I return you as many thanks as you deſerve. I have called at the Theatre Royal Alehouſe ſince, in order to drink a pot of beer with you, and ſettle our differences in an amicable way; but I was told, they knew no ſuch perſon. Upon which, I immediately imagined you had taken this name upon you, as I did that of DRAMATICUS, (it having ſome relation to the ſubject I treated upon,) and that there was no ſuch perſon as Mr. WM. HINT. But upon ſecond thoughts, recollecting that the character of a *Candle-ſnuffer* could not poſſibly give you any right to talk of any thing above the ſnuffing of candles, and that it would therefore be very ſenſeleſs to perſonate a character in order to talk in a much higher ſtrain, than ſuch character could allow; I am come, at laſt, to this concluſion, that there is really ſuch a perſon as Mr. WM. HINT, and that he really wrote this letter, for certainly none above the degree of an aſpiring *Candle-ſnuffer* could have written it. I ſhall therefore, in the courſe of my anſwer, conſider you in the light of as arrant a Candle-ſnuffer as ever trod the ſtage; but at the ſame time, would adviſe you, as a friend, to dawb your fingers more with tallow for the future, and leſs with ink.

I agree with you, that an *apology for commencing Author* would be needleſs in you, ſince you can never make one, that can juſtify your laying aſide your uſual vocation, for the ſake of becoming an *aſinus ad lyram*.

As to your complaint that a *ſett of ſcribblers pretend to give laws to our Theatres*, you therein do an honour to the Gentlemen you ſtrike at, this very appellation having been conſtantly beſtowed by the Candle ſnuffers of wit upon the Authors of the wittieſt Papers, from the *Tatlers, Spectators*, &c. down to the *Grub-ſtreet Journal*. And had you been as converſant upon the ſtage of the world, as upon that in Drury-lane, you muſt have obſerved, that the Writers of all ſuch Papers, have ever thought the ſtage a proper ſubject for their notice, and have as freely cenſured what is bad, as commended what is good. It were to be wiſhed the Gentlemen concerned in the management of the Theatre would afford half the ſubject for praiſe, which they do for cenſure. But, alas! I much fear you will ſnuff the candles next winter to more bad than good Plays, to more *Modern Husbands, Old Debauchees, Covent Garden Tragedies*, &c.

You are groſly miſtaken as to the perſon of DRAMATICUS. He never ſollicited, and conſequently never could have been refuſed *a place* in the Houſe. He has indeed had a *Play rejected*. But he fancies, if he had not thought fit to conceal his name from the Manager in queſtion at firſt, his Play had never been refuſed. But his modeſty happened to be greater than his judgment at that time; as well as his mirth afterwards, upon his refuſal, ſtronger than his reſentment. What reception his Papers have met with from the Town, he will not pretend to declare; what he has caſually heard in Coffee-houſes, has not diſpleaſed him.

If you had read the date of my laſt letter (but perhaps you cannot read figures, for I find no date to yours) you would have diſcovered before now, that it was written the morning after the exhibition of this notable performance, and its being given out for a ſecond repreſentation; that is, before the knowledge of the *Author's deference to the opinion of the Town*, could have reached any body but himſelf. But ſuppoſing it had, I am not the only one of opinion, that ſuch a ſhameleſs and obſcene performance could not be too early, or too warmly expoſed.

I have no *Dictionaries* by me, but thoſe individual ones I uſed when I went to ſchool, ſo that this ſtroke of ſecret ſatyr does not touch DRAMATICUS; neither have I conſulted them on this occaſion, or want their help, *to wreſt one word of this* Covent Garden Tragedy *into an indecent meaning*. It need only be publiſhed to convince mankind, that it would be infinitely a more difficult taſk, *to wreſt one word of it into* a decent *meaning*. But I ſuppoſe Mr. HINT is of opinion, that unleſs every thing is named by its proper name, it cannot be called *indecent*.

Indeed, Sir, *Bawds, Whores, Rakes, Bullies*, &c. are very improper to be ſhewn on the ſtage in the rankeſt dreſs of lewdneſs they can poſſibly wear. The inſide of a Bawdy-houſe, and the private management and behaviour of a Bawd, are very unfit repreſentations for any but the inhabitants, or frequenters of Drury-lane. And I believe even *The Beggar's Opera* owed its ſucceſs more to the novelty of the thing, and ſome other concurring circumſtances, than to its intrinſic worth; tho' I make an infinite difference in every reſpect between that Opera, (which has all the advantages of wit to excuſe what may be vicious in) and this Tragedy.

I do aſſure you, Sir, it was neither *envy*, nor *malice*, that made me attack the *ſucceſsful* Play, called *The Modern Husband*; neither was the Bawd's ſmart accuſation of the Porter *the real occaſion of my falling thus inhumanly on this poor little Farce*. My reaſon for falling on both theſe Pieces was, becauſe I thought them both exceeding bad, and think ſo ſtill,

If *The Covent Garden Tragedy* had been publiſhed, I ſhould have accompanied my letter with *Quotations* from every Page, and every Scene; but indeed my memory was not ſufficient to contain enough of it to quote.

I am likewiſe, Sir, better ſatisfied with the opinion the Town may form of my *capacity* for *writing a Play*, from the little I have publiſhed concerning Plays, than apprehenſive they ſhould form any againſt it, from what you are pleaſed to ſay of me. But this is wide of my purpoſe at preſent, and it is time (don't be witty upon this expreſſion) I ſhould draw to a concluſion.

I ſhall therefore only add, that I fear you have gone beyond your commiſſion, and in the heat of paſſion, have blabbed out ſome ſecrets you ought to have concealed. Sure Mr. W. did not ſhew you my Play? and yet theſe words, *But I ſhall not proceed to criticiſe on what will, I dare ſwear, never be acted at all*, ſeem to imply as if you had ſeen it; elſe how can you *proceed to criticiſe* upon it? If ſuch heads, as that which Mr. Wm. Hint carries upon his ſhoulders, were conſulted about my Play, I am not ſurpriſed it was refuſed. But recollect, that the Head of your houſe did not refuſe it, as a bad piece, but diſmiſſed it as a *ſenſible and pretty performance*, only *not theatrical*, the meaning of which has been already explained.

And now, Mr. Hint, give me leave to tell you, tho' you burſt, that this Paper, this *Grub ſtreet Journal*, you exclaim ſo much againſt, is, in the opinion of the Town, a Paper that contains much real wit and humour; and that it will be rendered henceforward, even more uſeful, by conſtantly animadverting upon the enormities that are daily introduced upon the Stage. I am, Sir,

Your very good friend and admirer,

Dramaticus.

P. S. I had the honour laſt night to ſee your pretended new Entertainment. I ſhall defer my thoughts of it to another opportunity, tho' I can't help whiſpering you, 'Tis miſerable ſtuff.

DOMESTIC NEWS.

C. *Courant.* | E P. *Evening Poſt.*
P. *Poſt-Boy.* | S J. *S. James's Evening Poſt.*
D P. *Daily Poſt.* | WE. *Whitehall Evening P.*
D J. *Daily Journal.* | LE. *London Evening Poſt.*

Thursday, *June* 22.

Laſt week her Majeſty was pleaſed to order 200 l. to be paid out of the Treaſury, to James Hammond, Eſq; who ſome time ſince brought the expreſs of the States General acceeding to the Treaty of Seville. *D J.*

Yeſterday the R. Hon. Sir Rob. Walpole ſate in the Court of Exchequer, as Chancellor of the ſaid Court, being the firſt time he ſate on hearing cauſes ſince his being Chancellor. There was a plea lodged to the title of the eſtate of Sir Will. Althrop, deceaſed, by Sir Tho. Althrop, Bar. and Mrs. Althrop. On arguing the merits of the plea, the L. Chief Baron and Mr. Baron Comyns were of opinion, that the plea was not a good one; Mr. Baron Carter and Mr. Baron Thompſon were of the contrary opinion: ſo the Chancellor was obliged to decide it. After hearing the merits over again, he made a very learned ſpeech, and afterwards agreed with the L. Chief Baron and Mr. Baron Comyns; ſo the plea was ſet aſide. *P.* A cauſe between Mr. Trollop, Plaintiff, and Sir Tho. Trollop, Defendant. There has not a Chancellor ſet for many years before. *D J.*

A Gentleman at Richmond, who had his papers ſeized by warrant from his Grace the D. of Newcaſtle, on ſuſpicion of having had ſome concern in Signor Belloni and Mr. Rob. Arbuthnot's correſpondence, hath had them reſtored to him again. *D P.*

A few days ſince her Grace the Dutcheſs Dowager of Marlborough ſubſcribed 300,000 l. on the ſalt duty. *D P.* —— We hear from Boulogne, that the Dutcheſs of Buckingham was taken very ill, and remains ſo there. *P.* —— *I hear her Grace went abroad for her health, to prevent being* taken ill.

We hear the Fleet of men of war that is now fitting out, will be commanded by the R. Hon. Sir Char. Wager; who will hoiſt his flag on board his Majeſty's ſhip the Namur, a ſecond rate of 90 guns. *C. D P.* —— Yeſterday there was an account that about 1700 ſeamen had been impreſſed ſince monday laſt. *D P.*

Yeſterday the Court of Directors of the South Sea Company appointed Factors for their ſhip the Aſſiento, Cap. Pearce, for Buenos Ayres, viz. Mr. Spackman, 1ſt, Mr. Ford, 2d, and Mr. Fran. Eyles, 3d, and Writer. *C. D P.* They determined to have no more than 2 Factors at that place for the future, and Mr. Spackman and Mr. Faure were elected. *D J.*

Yeſterday the Rev. Mr. Bayes was elected one of the 6 preachers of the Merchants Lecture at Salters Hall, in the room of the Rev. Dr. Calamy, deceaſed. He had 47 votes, and Mr. Mayo 25. *D J.*

The law to prevent Watermen working on the Thames on ſundays without licence is of late leſs regarded than ever, and 'twas remarkable that there never were ſeen ſo many licentious Watermen rowing up and down the river as on ſunday laſt, which 'tis to be hoped will ſoon be put a ſtop to by thoſe who are impowered by law to do it. *C.* —— *I wiſh* thoſe who are impowered *would begin a reformation with the* licentious Land-men, *who are continually* running up and down on ſundays.

Yeſterday Lieut. Col. Robinſon, Chamberlain of this City, was ſo well recovered, that his *Death* is deſpaired of. *P.*

The Hon. Benedict Leonard Calvert, Eſq; Brother to the R. Hon. the L. Baltimore, Proprietor of Maryland, who had for ſome time been Governor of that Province, under his Lordſhip, finding himſelf in an ill ſtate of health, and reſigning that poſt, imbarked for England, and ſailed the 18th of May, but died in thepaſſage the 1ſt of June, and was buried at ſea. *D J.*

On monday died the Relict of the late Sir Theophilus Oglethorpe, Knt. Mother to James Oglethorpe, Eſq; Repreſentative in Parliament for Haſlemere in Surrey. *WE.* —— Yeſterday died at Edmonton, in the 60th year of her age, the Lady Monſon, Mother to the R. Hon. John L. Monſon. *LE.*

Friday, *June* 23.

On wedneſday night at the *Ridotto al' Freſco*, at Vaux Hall, there was not half the Company as was expected, being no more than 203 perſons, amongſt whom were ſeveral perſons of diſtinction, but more Ladies than Gentlemen; and the whole was managed with great order and decency, a detachment of 100 of the Foot guards being poſted round the garden: a Waiter belonging to the houſe having got drunk, put on a dreſs and went to *Freſco*, with the reſt of the company; but being diſcovered, he was immediately turned out of doors. *C.* —— His Royal Highneſs the Prince, the E. of Scarborough, the L. Gage, &c. were preſent, and the whole affair was managed with decency and good order: about 2 o'clock his Royal Highneſs went away, but the greateſt part of the company ſtaid 'till 5 in the morning. *D P.*

Five ſervants belonging to Mr. Selby, a Whitſter at Mitcham, having been bit by a mad dog, ſome time ago, 4 of them were dipt in ſalt water, and are like to do well; but the other, to whom his Maſter had lent a horſe to go to Graveſend, in order to be dipt, went another way in the Country, and neglected the ſame; and on monday he died in a raving condition. *C.* —— Mr. Conundrum *ſays he only* went another way to Graves-end.

Yeſterday the Court of King's Bench was moved for an information againſt a Juſtice of the Peace for Middleſex and Weſtminſter, alledging that ſeveral perſons were brought before him, for robbing the Lady Crew ſome time ago, at S. James's, of a conſiderable ſum of money, and he admitted them to bail, and the perſons and bail are ſince fled; and the Court ordered him to ſhew cauſe why an information ſhould not paſs againſt him. *D J.*

Chriſtned Males 153, Females 132; in all 285. *Buried* Males 174, Females 170; in all 344. Increaſed in the burials this week 11. *P.* —— *The* P. *of June* 16, *copied from the* Weekly Bill *of the* 13th, *gave us* Buried in all 433. *Inſtead therefore of* Increaſed in the Burials this week, 11, *it ſhould be,* Decreaſed 89. *It is of bad conſequence, to repreſent the City in a worſe ſtate of health than it really is.*

Saturday, *June* 24.

Only the Eſquires of the 4 laſt new Knights of the Bath are to attend at the inſtallation on friday next. *D P.*

Yeſterday they began to preſs for ſeamen above bridge up to Fulham, when we hear they impreſſed near 200 able men. *P.* About 400 Watermen. *D J.* —— A preſs-gang went into a Glaſs-houſe in White-fryars, in order to preſs ſome of the men at work; but they were no ſooner got in, but the mettal was flung about them, and happy was he that could get out firſt, and in hurrying out they ran over their Officer, who was almoſt ſcalded to death. *D J.*

Yeſterday was brought forth at the Tower, a young Lion, produced from the Engliſh Lion and Lioneſs, which brought forth 2 the laſt year, &c. *S J.*

In the Weſt-riding of the County of York, in the townſhip of Sourby and pariſh of Halliſax, one Joſ. Ryley, had a field of corn (very good to look at) that was in leſs than 2 nights time by ſome ſmall inſects reduced to nothing; there was not ſo much as one pile of graſs or corn, only about a quarter of one third of an acre left in the ſame field ſtanding undevoured or ſeemingly touched then, the reſt was devoured or eat up, ſo that the earth was as bare as a garden bed prepared to ſow ſeeds. *S J.* —— *If there be no more truth than ſence, in this paragraph, it is certainly falſe.*

The great houſe that the Earl of Marchmonte lately reſided in at the corner of Arlington ſtreet, is hired for the Hon. Mrs. Mary Vane. *S J.*

Monday, *June* 22.

On ſaturday her Majeſty walked from Kenſington to Chelſea, and having view'd the Royal Hoſpital, ſhe return'd to Kenſington to dinner. *D P.* —— Made a viſit to the E. of Ranelaugh, and breakfaſted. *C.*

On ſaturday laſt came on the election of Sheriffs for this City and County of Middleſex for the year enſuing; when Rob. Alſop, Eſq; and Henry Hankey, Eſq; Aldermen and Haberdaſhers, where choſen by ſo great a majority, that no poll was demanded. It was very obſervable, that the friends of the aboveſaid Gentlemen heard the declaration with all the temper and quiet imaginable, without uſing the leaſt inſult to their loſing opponents. *C. D P. D J.* —— *This* was very obſervable, *becauſe* unuſual, *when they had a* Hank *upon their opponents.*

Mr. Will. Rous, Deputy of Vintry Ward, and Mr. John Lequeſne, Deputy of Broad-ſtreet Ward, were choſe Auditors of the City and Bridge accounts, in the room of Mr. Siſſon and Mr. Pitt, who went out in courſe, having ſerved two years. *D J.*

Yeſterday morning all the Royal yachts that attended his Majeſty to Holland arrived at Greenwich, having on board the Lord de la War, and ſeveral other perſons of diſtinction. *C.*

On friday Mr. Cholmondeley, Publiſher in Holbourn, was taken into cuſtody, for publiſhing the picture of the late L. Biſhop of Rocheſter, Dr. Atterbury. *D P.* —— And upon examination diſcharged.

The new Comedy of the *Old Debauchees*, and the new Farce of the *Mock Doctor*, were both acted on Friday laſt, at the Theatre Royal in Drury-Lane, to a full Houſe, with great applauſe. *Le Medicin malgre Lui*, of Moliere, from whence the *Mock Doctor* is taken, bears the greateſt reputation of any petit Piece in the French language; and many good Judges allow the Engliſh Farce is no way inferior to the Original. *D P.* —— *L E.* 27. *Theſe* good Judges *are certainly Members of our Society; and I hope the world will take their words, that the* Author is no way inferior *to* Moliere.

Tuesday, *June* 27.

Chriſtopher Rhodes, Eſq; is appointed Comptroller of the exciſe in Scotland, with a ſalary of 500 l. per ann. for himſelf and Clerks. —— And Mr. Elſtob and Mr. Watſon joint receivers of the rents and profits of the eſtate of the late E. of Derwentwater. —— Sir Rob. Walpole ſets out for his ſeat in Norfolk on ſaturday next. *C.*

It is written from Falmouth, that on Thurſday the E. of Albemarle embarqued on board the Prince Frederick Pacquet, who ſailed the ſame day for Lisbon. *P.*

The 2 hon. Societies of the Temple have preſented the Rev. Mr. Broughton (Reader of the Temple church) with 40 guineas for his 3 diſcourſes, intitled, *Chriſtianity diſtinct from the religion of Nature*, in anſwer to, *Chriſtianity as old as the creation.* P.

There is a hot preſs at Yarmouth, for ſeamen to man the guard ſhips which are fitting out. *D P. D J.*

Mr. Gery has obtained a rule of court for upwards of 240 l. N. B. Some perſons are taken ill and cannot be ſpoken withal, and others do not ſee company. *P.*

This morning the R. Hon. the E. Cowper was married to the ſecond daughter of the E. of Grantham, Vice-chamberlain to the Queen. *P.* —— This evening at 12 he is to be married, &c. *D P.* —— *This* Vice-Chamberlain *is* Lord Chamberlain.

Wednesday, *June* 28.

Yeſterday [late at night. *D J.*] the R. Hon. the Earl Cowper was married, &c. at his Lordſhip's [E. of Grantham's] houſe in Albemarle-ſtreet. Afterward his Lordſhip ſet out with his new-married Lady for his ſeat at Hertingford-Berry in Hertfordſhire. *P.* —— This day they will ſet out. *D J.* —— Letters from Mancheſter ſay, that Lady Egerton, Relict of Sir Holland Egerton of Heaton in Lancaſhire, Bar. was lately married married to John Brooke, Eſq; youngeſt Son of Sir Thomas, Bar. *D P.*

Lionel Vane, Eſq; is made Clerk of the Council to his Royal Highneſs the Prince. —— The Rev. Mr. Bourne is appointed by the R. Rev. the Biſhop of Wincheſter, one of the Prebendaries of that Cathedral. *D P.*

On monday night a Cauſe was heard before the L. Raymond at Weſtminſter, wherein his Grace the D. of Richmond was Plaintiff, and a Grazier of Suſſex, Defendant, upon the ſtatute of *Scandalum Magnatum*, for ſcandalous and defamatory words, which being fully proved, the Jury gave a verdict for his Grace with very conſiderable damages. *D P.*

On monday night, about 9, Lieut. Smith, with his preſs-gang, belonging to the Edinburgh man of war, went on board ſome Norway ſhips lying in Hanover-hole, being Danes, Swedes, &c. in order to preſs ſome of the men, ſeveral of whom were Engliſh; but all the ſhips crews in the teer gathered together, and got their handſpikes, iron

crows, hatchets (with which they cut wood in their Country) and other weapons, and as faſt as the preſs-gang got up the ſides of the ſhip they knock'd them into the Thames; but the preſs-gang ſtill perſiſted, and got into the ſhip, but being over-power'd, their adverſaries got the Lieutenant, and was going to cut his head off with one of the hatchets, and would certainly have done it, had not a ſtout fellow knock'd the perſon down as he was going to ſtrike the blow, and at the ſame time took the Lieutenant in his arms and flung him over-board, by which means he ſaved his life: after the preſs-gang was got into their boat, ſome with broken arms, others with their ribs broke, the ſhips crews flung into the boat at them ſeveral handſpikes, hatchets, and other deſperate weapons, all which were brought into the publick hall of the Admiralty, and a complaint was likewiſe made to their Lordſhips yeſterday, but what the conſequence will be muſt be referred to another opportunity. *D J.* —— The ſame day a Lieutenant going to preſs a ſailor with his gang, out of an Ale-houſe in Hungerford Market, the Watermen and Butchers roſe and beat them terribly, and were ſo outrageous as to drag the commanding Officer in the kennel, and reſcued the man. *P.*

Fleet-Priſon, June 26th, 1732.

To the Gentlemen Priſoners, &c. in his Majeſty's priſon of the Fleet. The memorial of Mr. *J. W.* a Priſoner in the ſaid priſon.

IN the beginning of January, 173½, ſo ſoon as the Parliament had met, the ſaid Mr. *J. W.* drew up a petition and caſe in behalf of the Priſoners of the Fleet, copies of which he laid upon the table in the upper Coffee-room for their inſpection, propoſing to have the firſt preſented to both Houſes, and the other put into the hands of every reſpective Member thereof. Theſe papers were generally approved by the ſaid Priſoners; and Mr. *J. W.* had the favour to be thanked by ſeveral of the moſt conſiderable of them on that occaſion, who promiſed to raiſe, by a collection, a fund to defray the charge of printing both the caſe and petition; the firſt for the purpoſe aforementioned, and the latter to be ſent to every priſon of the kingdom, as a form, to the end that they might be all unanimous in their requeſts. Upon theſe grounds Mr. *J. W.* at his own proper expence, by and with the univerſal conſent of the Priſoners of the Fleet, printed off a ſufficient number of petitions and caſes for the ſaid uſes; as alſo ſome ſmall precatory letters to be given to the Members the ſame day the petition was delivered: and in every thing elſe he ſpared no pains, time, nor coſt, as far as he was able, to render himſelf ſerviceable to his fellow ſufferers in general throughout the kingdom, tho', at the ſame time, he did not apprehend, that an Act of Inſolvency would be of any benefit to himſelf.

A collection was ſoon after made in the Fleet, which did not reimburſe Mr. *J. W.* half the money he had laid out, as appears by the accounts laid on the table in the ſaid upper Coffee-room. There was, indeed, a guinea ſent for him from the priſon of WEST-CHESTER; but, he ſays, the perſon who brought him this intelligence, and promiſed to come again, after he had made enquiry, with a fuller information to whoſe hands it was remitted, failed in the performance; ſo that it cannot ſure be expected he ſhould place that money to account, no part of which he ever received: however, the Gentlemen at WEST-CHESTER have his thanks for their good intentions towards him.

'Tis not unlikely that other priſons may alſo have been as grateful as WEST-CHESTER, and the ſame fraud committed by their agents, tho' not yet diſcovered; for which reaſon this memorial is printed, that knavery may be detected, and the perſons puniſhed, by law, as well as made to refund, who could poſſibly be guilty of ſo mean a felony as to rob a poor Priſoner.

Notwithſtanding the collection fell ſo ſhort of his diſburſements, Mr. *J. W.* ſtill zealous for the common good of Priſoners, tho' he could reap no benefit himſelf from his labours, was aiding and aſſiſting in writing a large pamphlet for the preſs, addreſſed by way of letter to a Member of Parliament, wherein moſt or all the material arguments in behalf of Debtors, both confined and at large, were compriſed. In ſhort, day and night, during the whole ſeſſion of Parliament, he chearfully exerted his whole vigour for the common cauſe, and refuſed ſeveral advantageous offers of employment, purely that he might devote more of his time to its ſervice: yet he does not require any ſatisfaction for all the care and pains he has taken, as well as loſs of time and hinderance of his buſineſs; all that he deſires is, only that by a general ſubſcription you would be pleaſed to pay him the balance of his account current which he actually laid out; and not ſuffer him to be ſo a great loſer by his good will, in breach of all the promiſes that were made him; eſpecially ſince it is evident, that he had no other end in view than the advantage of all Debtors confined in general, and that of his fellow Priſoners in particular.

From the PEGASUS *in Grub-ſtreet.*

On ſaturday laſt the corpſe of the Lady Oglethorpe was, purſuant to her will, privately interred in the ſame grave with her Huſband, Sir Theophilus, and her Son Lewis Oglethorpe, near the altar in S. James's Church. The pall was ſupported by the R. Hon. the Earl of Arran, the R. Hon. the Lords Muſkerry, Kingſale, and Carpenter, Sir Robert Sutton and Rogers Holland, Eſq; She has left iſſue Eleanor, Widow to the Marqueſs de Mezeiers; Charlotte, Wife to the Marqueſs des Marches; Anne unmarried, and James, her only ſurviving Son and ſole executor. She was Daughter and heir to Richard Walle, Eſq; of Rathkenny in the County of Tipperary, in the Kingdom of Ireland. The firſt of which family was Richard Seigneur De Val Dery, called by the Engliſh Walle, who, as appears from Hollingſhead, came over with William the Conqueror. One of his deſcendants was Sir Thomas De Val or Walle, Knight of the Garter in the reign of King Edward the Third. He was the firſt of the founders whoſe ſtall became void, into which ſucceeded Reginald, Lord Cobham. Sir Edward De Val or Walle, a deſcendant of the ſame Lord De Val Dery, ſettled in Ireland upon lands conquered there, and which were granted him by Henry the Second, and left ſeven Sons, from the eldeſt of whom came the three families of Walles of Kilcaſh, Rathkenny and Calnemuck. The latter ſtill continues in the family, and is poſſeſſed by William Walle, Eſq; Member of Parliament for Caſhal; the other two families are now extinct.

The body of the Lady Oglethorpe, Relict of Sir Theophilus Oglethorpe, was on ſaturday laſt privately buried in S. James's Church. She died in the 70th year of her age, and was very converſant with ſtate affairs in the end of King Charles the Second and King James's Reign, and was acquainted with the firſt ſprings and motives of the principal tranſactions of thoſe and the ſucceeding times. At the Revolution Sir Theophilus, who was then Major General, Colonel of a Regiment and Gentleman of the Horſe, reſigning his employments; ſhe, tho' bred in all the gayety of a Court, was not only contented, but even pleaſed with the putting down their equipage, and living in the moſt frugal and retired manner. She was ſevere to herſelf, human to others, and contemned all kind of delicacy and ſhew. She was a Woman of excellent memory and addreſs, piercing wit, and ſolid judgment, and indefatigable in ſerving her friends. She had courage and learning ſuperior to her ſex: the latter of which ſhe ſtrove to conceal; and was far from being vain of the former, but uſed it as a ſupport in the various accidents of life To her laſt hour ſhe kept her chearfulneſs, tho' three months bed-rid and dead on one ſide with the palſy. The very day before her death, tho' ſhe knew ſhe could not not outlive the morrow, ſhe in a pleaſant and eaſy way rallied the Phyſician, ſpent the evening as uſually in prayer, and died in a calm, chriſtian, and heroic manner.

Mr. BAVIUS read an Anſwer to a Letter printed in the *D P.* June 21ſt and *L E.* June 22, which being too long to be inſerted in our *Journal* this week, was ordered to be deferred 'till the next. —— He then read the following Certificate.

Whereas it is reported, that I WM. HINT, Candle-ſnuffer at the Theatre Royal, Drury-lane, have by the joint aſſiſtance of the learned Mr. C — Jun. and Mr. F —— written a letter in vindication of Mr. F ——'s Farces, I the ſaid WM. HINT do hereby certify, that I was not in the leaſt concerned in the ſaid letter: having always thought from my long experience and obſervations on the Stage, that the ſaid Mr. F ——'s writings were either above my apprehenſion, or below my notice. And I do hereby farther affirm, that the aforeſaid Mr. C — and Mr. F — were the ſole authors and contrivers of that letter; that they were ſhut up in conſultation at Mrs. ——ld —— m's for the ſpace of 3 hours, where their ſurprizing heads produced that wonderful letter. This I teſtify, from a ſincere love of truth, and in vindication of my own character, being not willing to have my mean parts put in competition with theirs, or to rob them of the leaſt ſhare of the glory they have obtained by the ſaid letter.

Done behind the Scenes at the Theatre Royal *in* Drury-lane, *Friday, June* 23.

Witneſs my hand,
The mark H of WM. HINT,
Candle-ſnuffer.

Witneſſes,
D. DASH Secretary.
P. PUFF Prompter.

A debate having riſen concerning the genuineneſs of this Certificate, the majority were of opinion that it was forged: becauſe the Letter in queſtion was written with much more ſpirit, than the Letters Dedicatory of the two Gentlemen *hinted* at; and it was not probable, that they would write better in the name of a Candle-ſnuffer, than in their own.

Mr. SPONDEE informed the Society, that he had curſorily read over *The Covent Garden Tragedy*, alias, *The Humours of a Bawdy-houſe*, which did not anſwer the expectations he had conceived of it, from the character given it by DRAMATICUS and PROSAICUS: that if he might be permitted to imitate the witticiſms of the Author, there was a great deal too little ribaldry for a ſhilling: that he therefore thought it incumbent upon thoſe two Critical Gentlemen, to write a Comment upon it, and *wreſt* every part of it *to an indecent meaning*; otherwiſe, he was apprehenſive, that the Ladies *of the firſt modeſty* in Drury-lane, who were highly pleaſed with it in the action on the Stage, would think it too dear a purchaſe to entertain them in their cloſets.

FOREIGN NEWS.

THURSDAY, *June* 22.

Vienna, June 14. The Pope has ſent a letter to his Imperial Majeſty, ſignifying, that whereas the ſupreme dominion of the holy See over the Dutchies of Parma and Placentia inconteſtably belong to his Holineſs, 'tis hoped the Emperor will not oppoſe the inveſtiture he deſigns to grant thereof to the ſerene Infant Don Carlos. *D P.*

Petersburg, June 7. Our land forces amount in time of war to 242,180 men, and 10,000 leſs in peace. *D J.*

FRIDAY, *June* 23.

Extract of a letter from Alicant, June 11. N. S. —— The whole fleet in 2 or 3 days may probably put to ſea, conſiſting of about 500 ſail, whereof 20 are line of battle ſhips, 2 fire ſhips, 2 bomb ketches, and 7 gallies, having on board about 5000 horſe, and 20,000 foot, the choiceſt ſoldiers belonging to Spain. *D J.*

SATURDAY, *June* 24.

Hague, June 20. N. S. Some will have it, that the rumour of a ſecret Treaty between the Emperor and the King of Pruſſia has occaſioned a ſort of lukewarmneſs between the Courts of Vienna and London. It is certain, the Court of France begins to take off the mask with regard to the views of the Houſe of Auſtria in the *Pragmatick Sanction*; and that they are reſolved to make uſe of force, if neceſſary, to hinder the Election of a King of the Romans, as long as the preſent Emperor lives. *P.*

Petersburgh, May 27. Her Imperial Majeſty has appointed Admiral Gordon to be Chief Commander in her fleet. *D J.*

MONDAY, *June* 26.

On ſaturday arrived the mail from Holland, *and yeſterday thoſe from* France *and* Flanders.

Mentz, June 24. We hear the Emperor deſigns to erect a tenth Electorate in favour of the Duke of Lorrain, *C. P.*

Paris, July 2. By letters from Marſeilles we are aſſured, that the Spaniſh Fleet had been ſeen off the Iſlands of Yvica and Formentera. *C. P. D J.*

TUESDAY, *June* 27.

Yeſterday arrived the Mail due from Holland.

Paris, June 27. We have advice from Spain, that the great Armada put to ſea the 15th and 16th inſtant, and ſteered towards Majorca, where the orders and inſtructions concerning the expedition were to be opened. *P.*

Rome, June 11. N. S. The late D. of Ormond came into this neighbourhood *incognito* from Spain, and went directly to Albano, without paſſing through this city; and having had a long private conference with the Chevalier de S. George, he ſet out (as we are told) on his return to Spain, by the way of France, in order to go on board the great Armada. *P.*

Vienna, June 21. His Imperial Majeſty has ſent the Order of the Golden Fleece to the young Prince of Schwartzenburg belonging to his late Father, and has alſo conferred on him the office of Grand Maſter of the Horſe, and made it hereditary in his family. *D J.*

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